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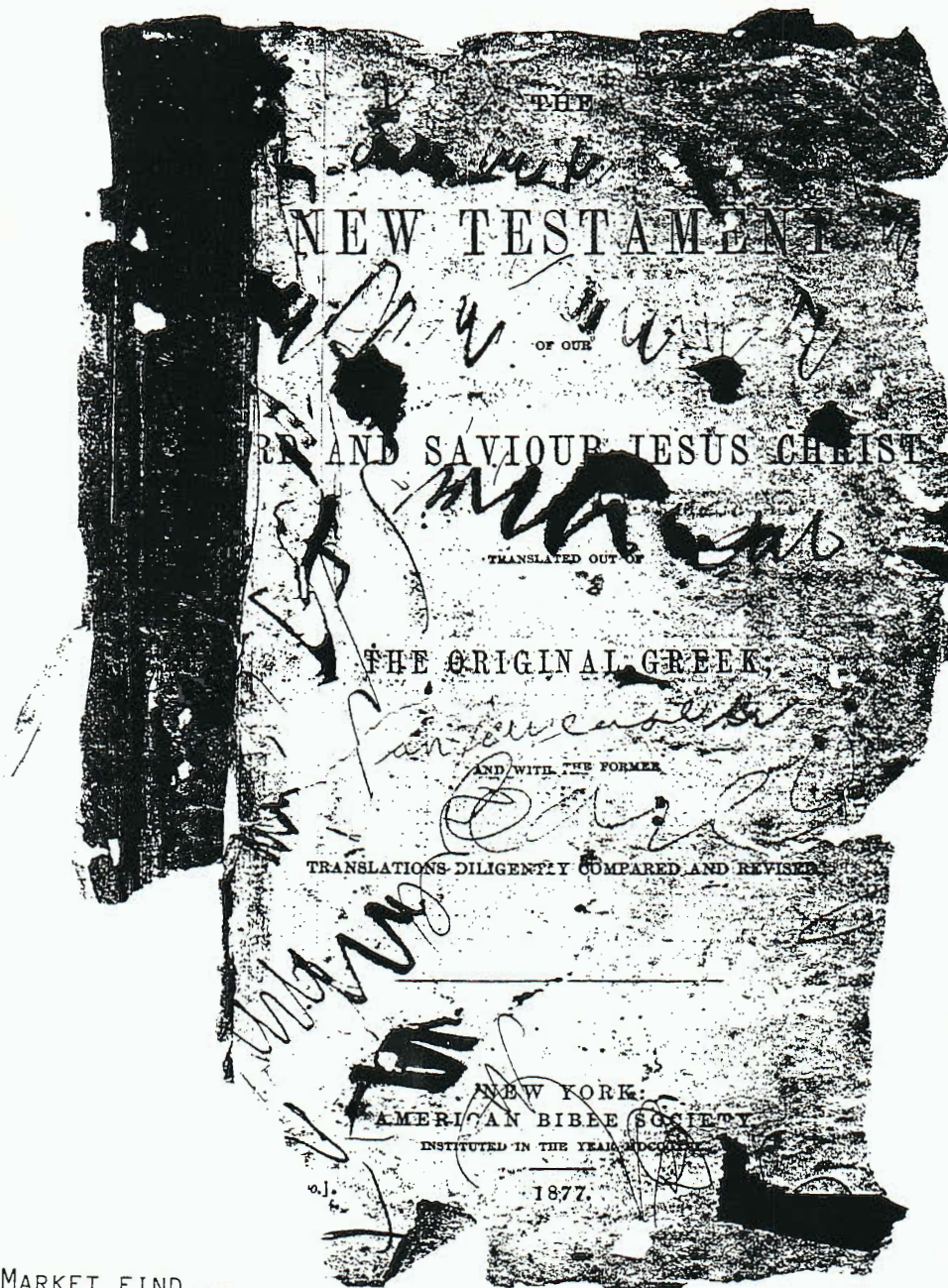
James McColloh; from London, England to Duplin Co., NC
m. Mary, d/o William & Cath. (Barfield) Taylor
m.

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| 1. Penelope (no desc) | 2. Catherine b. 1775 | 4. Elizabeth | 5. Amy | 6. Alfred | 7. Penelope |
| m. Stephen Barfield | m. Lewis Barfield | | | | |
| | James b. 1792 | | | | |
| 3. Henry | Jesse b. 1795 | | | | |
| (died unmarried) | Henry M. b. 1798 | | | | |
| | Alfred b. 1801 | | | | |
| (Ref: Barfield | Mary b. 1803 | | | | |
| manuscript on file | Thomas b. 1805 | | | | |
| in the Gen. section | Sarah b. 1808 | | | | |
| of the Pascagoula, | John P.W. b. 1811 | | | | |
| MS library.) | Nancy b. 1814 | | | | |

(James McColloh, an only child & orphan, was reared in London by his paternal grandparents. His Aunt, Amy McColloh, sent him 50 pounds sterling a year until his death.)

John McCullough d. 1799 Onslow Co., NC
m. Unknown

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| 1. Phebe | 2. Mary | 3. James |
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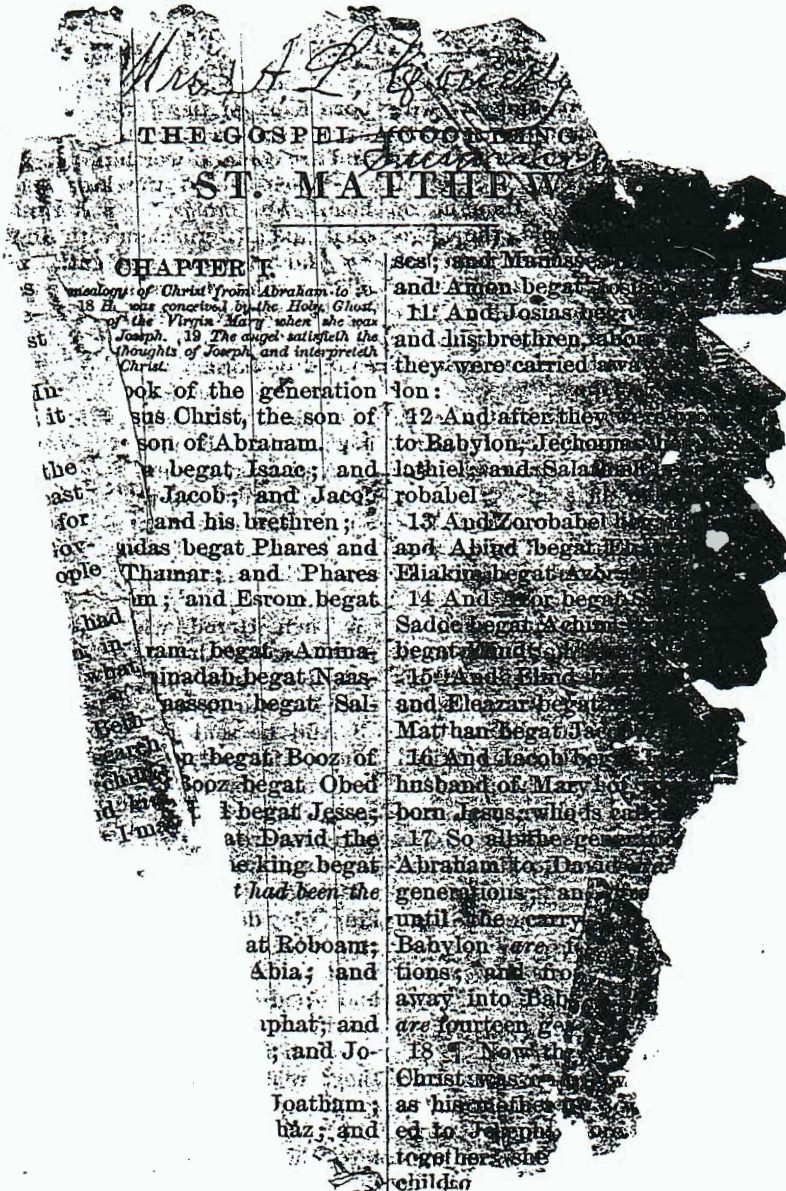


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*Bible owned by Hannah Greer Marble
25625 Belktown Rd.
Pascagoula, MS. 39581
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*found by Elsie Martin, -Pascagoula Genealogy Dept 769-3060
home 588-6520*



Family Record

Winston. McCullough. born. December. 7. 1822
Sarah. McCullough. born. November. 1. 1826
Margaret. McCullough. born. September. 24. 1845
Samantha. McCullough. born. January. 10. 1847
Mary. McCullough. born. May. 5. 1848
Sarah. McCullough. born. August. 5. 1849
Victoria. McCullough. born. March. 22. 1851

VICTORIA
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SARAH
b. Aug 5, 1849

MARY
b. MAR 5, 1848

SAMANTHA
b. Jan 10, 1847

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b. Sept 24, 1845

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Winston
b. Dec 1, 1822

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| William Cicero. McCall Also born. April. Mo. 3. 1852 | William Cicero b. Apr 3, 1852 |
| Charles McCallough. Also born April. Mo. 22. 1854. Death. | Savilla b. Apr 22, 1854 |
| William Cicero. McCallough Died. August. Mo. 23. 1855. | William Cicero d. Aug 23, 1855 |
| Nicola McCallough. Died September. Mo. 8. 1852. | Victoria d. Sept 8, 1852 |
| Annally. Record. John. Green. Also born. December. Mo. 9. 1788. | John Greer b. Dec 9, 1783 |
| Annally. Green. Also born October. Mo. 19. 1791. | Sarah Greer b. Oct 14, 1791 |
| John. Green. Also born. August. Mo. 29. 1807. | Jesse Greer b. Aug 29, 1807 |

Sarah McCullough
 b. Sept 30, 1904
 aged 77 yrs. 11 mo. 11 d.
 died 7 yrs. 11 months.
 Hannah Green was born
 August 14, 1822
 Elias Green was born
 December 29, 1824
 Sarah Green was born
 November 1, 1826
 John Green was born
 January 9, 1829
 Francis Green was born
 April 27, 1833
 Newton Green
 b. Nov 13, 1835

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 b. Nov 13, 1835

Francis Green
 b. Apr 27, 1833

Sarah Green
 b. Nov 1, 1826
 (married Winston
 McCullough)
 John Green
 b. Jan 9, 1829

Elias Green
 b. Dec 29, 1824

Hannah Green
 b. Aug 14, 1822

Sarah McCullough
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 aged 77 yrs. 11 mo. 11 d.

Ph. Smith. Green. was born
 December. Mo. 3. 1808
 China. Green. was born.
 November. Mo. 9. 1810.
 Mary. Green. was born
 August. Mo. 12. 1812.
 William. Green. was
 born July Mo. 18. 1814
 David. Green. was born
 September. Mo. 12. 1816.
 Wiley. Green. was born
 October. Mo. 10. 1818
 Robert. Green. was born
 August. Mo. 23. 1820.

b. Oct 10, 1818

Wreston McCullough
died Feb 4th 1913
aged 90 yrs. 2 months
+ 3 days.
Laurantha (McCullough)
Kress died Oct 20th at
7 P.M. aged 76 - 9 months
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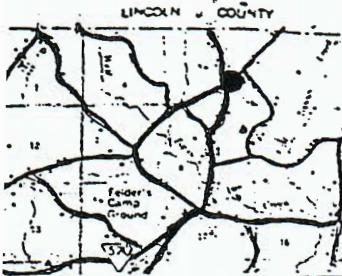
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In Loving Memory of One of
Our Members, Mrs. Wadie,
Saults.
By the East Side Church Circle

Farwell dear member we are parting
Speak, oh speak once more to tell
All is bright before thee now
With thy soul all is well
Farwell dear member shadows
stealing
Lull thy sense and drowns thy
sigh
Jesus with himself revealing
Lead thee to those realms of light
In the house of many mansions
With the Lodge no more to sever
With our loved one gone before us
Praising God forever and ever
But we cannot come just now dear
member
For the Masters voice we hear
Whom shall I send with me
Then shall I send me send me
By and by when life shall fail us
And our message is delivered
Be it late or be it early
With thee dear member we'll all
be gathered
In the resurrection morning
When the trumpet of God shall
sound
From the dust beside thee rising
We with thee on Christ be found

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WILLIAM McCULLOUGH CEMETERY



LOCATION: Pike Co., S5-T4-R9 About 9 miles
NE of Summit. Just South of Lincoln Co. line.
About 2 miles North of Felder's campground.

RECORDED BY: Mrs. Ralph Reeves in 1977

CONDITION: Grown up with vines and trees.
No fence.

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| Beard, Belinda (<u>McCullough Reeves</u>) | 21 Nov 1844 | 1 Oct 1926 | |
| W/o 1. Jacob Allen Reeves & 2. Wm. E. Beard. (D/o Wm. & Sarah W. McCullough) | | | |
| Beard, Henry | 1 May 1893 | 23 May 1893 | |
| S/o W. P. & L. Beard | | | |
| Beard, John | | | |
| No marker | | | |
| Beard, Minnie Lee | | | |
| No marker | | | |
| Beard, W. E. (Wm. E.) | 9 Jan 1842 | 3 Mar 1924 | |
| (2nd) h/o Belinda <u>McCullough</u> Reeves | | | |
| McCullough, Ann America | 15 Dec 1839 | 11 Dec 1920 | |
| (2nd w/o Benjamine McCullough) | | | |
| McCullough, Benjamine | 24 Aug 1824 | 20 May 1898 | |
| (H/o 1. Lavilla _____ & 2. Ann America _____) | | | |
| S/o Wm. & Sara W. McCullough) | | | |
| McCullough, Eva | 15 Jul 1879 | 9 Aug 1892 | |
| McCullough, Fleet | 17 Apr 1881 | 1 May 1882 | |
| * McCullough, Henretta Ann | 23 Nov 1850 | 8 Nov 1865 | |
| (D/o Benj. & Lavilla McCullough) | | | |
| McCullough, Lavilla (Savilla?) | 4 Oct 1828 | 12 Oct 1867 | |
| (1st w/o Benjamine McCullough) | | | |
| McCullough, Sara (<u>Warren</u>) | 9 Apr 1805 | 20 Aug 1882 | |
| (W/o Wm. McCullough & d/o John & Pricilla Warren) | | | |
| McCullough, Tyler | 13 Jun 1889 | 8 Aug 1892 | |
| (S/o Albert G. & Armina <u>Tyler</u> McCullough) | | | |
| # McCullough, William | 13 Dec 1799 | 24 Jul 1887 | |
| (H/o Sara <u>Warren</u> & s/o Alex. & <u>Marshall</u> McCullough) | | | |
| McCullough, Z. W. | 30 May 1872 | 7 Sep 1937 | |
| Reeves, J. A. (Jacob Allen) | 28 Nov 1854 | 21 Aug 1884 | |
| (1st h/o Belinda McCullough) | | | |
| Walker, Alice | 16 Jul 1867 | 2 Oct 1911 | |
| W/o R. N. Walker | | | |

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September 11, 1995

Mrs. Pearl Boyd Young
1039 Pricedale Dr.
Tylertown, MS 39667

Dear Mrs. Young

I am sorry to have been so long in mailing these copies from our Greer Family File to you. We are very busy and have been on sick leave, therefore everything is backlogged.

The copies of the Greer-Conerly-McCollough Bible did not photocopy very well, so I have printed you a copy from the original file copy, which is much easier to read.

If you have any Pike County family charts, group sheets, copies of diaries and bible records, we would love to have copies. We are building our Mississippi Genealogy collection and have over two thousand family files.

The name and address of the owner of the old Greer-Conerly-McCollough Bible is:

Mrs. Hannah (Marshall) Greer Marble
25625 Polktown Road
Pascagoula, MS 39581
Phone: 601-588-6204

Thank you for your call and we hope this will add to your family genealogy.

Sincerely,

Else J. Martin

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Y 2nd cousin once removed, who lives in Ruth, MS, near
here Jason MCDAVID lived, is Pat Harris MCCULLOUGH. He a
randson of Sarah Caroline MCDAVID, daughter of Jason
CDavid. Sarah married Jesse Winston MCCULLOUGH. Sarah's
ister Theodosia was my g-grandmother; Jesse's brother John
as my g-grandfather. Typical case of brothers marrying
isters from the farm over the fence. Regarding the >>>>>
elation between Jason and Ithamar, my data shows that Jason
ad a brother William Augustus MCDAVID, married a Matilda
nd had a daughter named Fannie, who married yet another of
he MCCULLOUGH brothers, Marley Elisha.
Family tradition has it that Jesse and Ithamar were
cousins and that the families opposed the marriage, possibly
ecause of the close blood relation. It appears from my
ata that many of Jesse and Ithamar's descendants still live
round Pike County. Do you want me to call Pat and ask for
elp? Wayne McCullough sxvg44a.

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Harris Winston Conerly died 8-15 O.C, Sept 7th 1901.

Aged 19 years. 9 mo, and 12 days.

Died - In Jackson, Miss, Tuesday night May 17th

1898, Mrs. A. L. Conerly. Aged 78 years,

3 months and 6 days.

Newspaper clipping-no date

OLDEST MASON DIED MONDAY

The Journal last Wednesday gave an account of John M. Conerly, of Tylertown, who was 92 years old and was considered the oldest Mason in the State having been a Master Mason 68 years. Word has since come from Tylertown that Mr. Conerly died on Monday.

Mr. Conerly was married many years ago to Miss Lucinda Lampton from which union eleven children were born, of whom five survive, A. H. Conerly and H. P. Conerly of Tylertown, John L. Conerly of Muskogee, Okla, Mrs. Lily Reagan of Cheraw, Miss., and Mrs. Lonie Ginn, Kokomo. Miss.

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The funeral for William Earl Merton was held Monday at 10 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Merton, 1014 West 12th street. The service was conducted by the chief pastor of the Episcopal church, the Rev. Mr. Merton. He was 82 years of age and on account of some ill health of his wife, had been in the state hospital for some time. Mr. Merton was a native son of the state, having been a resident of the world for some 50 years. From Liverpool, near Mr. Connel, died on Monday.

Mr. Connel was married many years ago to Miss Lucinda Hamilton from whom he has three children. A few boys at school the father of Mr. Connel and H. J. Connel of the Wisconsin Central Coal and Iron Company, Mr. Connel and Mrs. Connel of the Wisconsin Central Coal and Iron Company, and Mrs. Connel of the Wisconsin Central Coal and Iron Company.

OLDEST MASON
DIED MONDAY

Dec - in London
 Sunday 17th Nov. 1898
 Mrs. G. B. Bouché
 48 Grosvenor, 6 months
 6 days

Pharm. William Keweenaw, died 8-15
O. E. Seale, 7th 1901. Age 19 years & more
and 12 days.

GREER FAMILY
Lincoln Co., MS.

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Page 4 DAILY LEADER, Brookhaven, Ms. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1984

Community events

Greers' 77th annual reunion at old homestead

The descendants of Frank Greer and Mary Ann Busby Greer celebrated their 77th annual reunion Sunday, October 14, at the old Greer Homestead in the Topisaw Church community with approximately 125 in attendance.

The celebration began Saturday evening with a wiener roast and hayride.

Guests began arriving Sunday morning about nine o'clock with baskets filled with delicious food. Each person signed the register upon arrival.

At noon the president called a short business meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the new year and presenting a number of gifts. The newly elected officers are: Amos Greer, president; Jackie Davis, secretary; Betty Greer, treasurer. A gift was given to Mrs. Cora Oswald from Washington, Miss., for being the oldest person present; she is 87. Five-week-old Brandon Stuckey

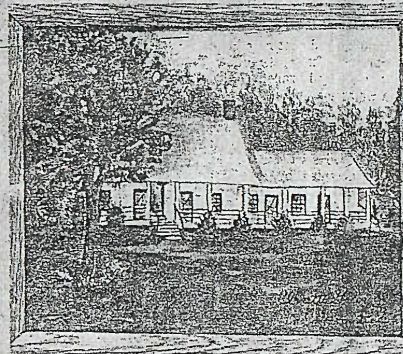
from Gulfport, who came with his great-grandmother Hilda Pittman, received the gift for being the youngest one present. Tommy and Mavis Oswald from Pineville, La., received the gift for driving the farthest distance.

Those receiving gifts from the Lucky Number drawings were: Clorette (Mrs. Amos) Greer, Kenny Hart, Robyn Lewis, all of Natchez; Laura Jane Huff, Sylvie Keene, both of Brookhaven; Billy Brown of Vidalia, La., and Bud Givens of Bogue Chitto.

Mrs. Amos Greer painted and presented four oil paintings of the old home which is over a hundred years old, to Mrs. Lena Ellen Williams, Summit, J.T. Greer, Natchez, Sheldon Greer, Arlington, Texas (not present for the meeting) and Claude Nelson Greer of Bogue Chitto, for living in the house and caring for it and the yards.

Rev. Laverne Musser, pastor of Topisaw Baptist Church, gave thanks for the food.

Those attending were Jackie Davis, Mrs. Paul Gordon Greer and Jodie George, all of Jackson; Mrs. Carey "Lucy" Greer, Amos C. Greer Sr., Clorette Greer, Bill Greer, Ray Wise, Ann Wise, Annie Ruth Greer, Cora Oswald, Hazel



"Greer Homestead" painted by Clorette Greer

Greer, Kenny Hart, Christina Hart, Donna Hart, Cassie Hart, David Aldredge, Beverly Aldredge, Carl Greer, Robyn Lewis, Marie Breithaupt, Jennifer Breithaupt, Max Breithaupt and Thresa Anne Breithaupt, all of Natchez.

Also, Laura Jane Huff, Dodd Huff, Wilbert Huffman, Florence Huffman, Sylvia Keene, Marcus Keene and Evelyn Greer, all of Brookhaven; Jesse Williams, Lena Ellen Williams and Betty Greer Brister, all of Summit; Sam R. Greer Sr. and Mrs. Sam R. Greer Sr. of Hazlehurst.

Attending from Bogue Chitto were Claude N. Greer, Barbara Greer, Amos Nelson Greer, Regina Greer, J.C. Greer, Carline Greer, Jess. Greer, Carolyn Greer, Pam Greer, Harold Summers, Rev. Laverne Musser, Mrs. Laverne Musser,

C.T. Ebey, Pat Ebey, Sam Moore, Jodie Moore, Kelly Moore, Pearl Reeves, Bennie Reeves, Janie Givens, Cindy Givens, Regina Givens, Lisa Givens, Tonya Givens, Bill Allred, Jewel Allred, Bud Givens, Launa Givens, Kim Givens, Kristi Givens, Karen Givens, Johnnie Hayman, Jean Thompson, Amy Boyte, Nathan Boyte, Wade Boyte, Drew Boyte, and Mildred Martin.

Also attending were W. Carlton Greer Sr., Helen Greer, Monica Brown, Shawney Brown and Billy Brown, all of Vidalia, La.; Mrs. Frances Crank of Baton Rouge; Joyce Chavealleir of Denham Springs, La.; Ramsey Huffman Jr., Ruby Huffman and Belinda Huffman, all of Walker, La.; William Q. Greer of Francisville, La.; Sam R. Greer Jr. of Donaldsonville, La.; Charles Greer, Beatrice Greer, David C. Batte and Elizabeth Batte, all of McComb; Tommy Oswald, Mavis Oswald and Christi Tingle, all of Pineville, La.; Kermit Lawrence and Marie Lawrence of Lumberton; John Starkey, Mike Anderson and Marie White of Poplarville; Hilda Pittman, Nancy Pittman Stuckey, Brandon Stuckey, Betty Andrew, and Dot Hershey of Gulfport.

Copy Given by Hannah Greer Marble, wife of Marshall Marble, Jr. who ~~was~~ is the son of Marshall D. Marble, Sr. & "Minnie" Virginia Ely

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The 78th annual gathering of the descendants of Mary Ann Busby and Frank Greer will be held on Sunday, October 13, 1985 at the Greer Homestead located on Hwy. 583 in the Topisaw Community in Lincoln County, Ms.
Bring your family and friends, a covered dish, and your lawn chairs and plan to have a wonderful day of fun and fellowship. See you there!

1984 GREER REUNION MINUTES

The 77th annual Greer Reunion was held at the Greer Homestead on Sunday, October 14, 1984. Approximately 125 friends and relatives enjoyed the fun, fellowship, and delicious dinner on the grounds.

During the business session, conducted by Amos Greer, President, the following officers were re-elected to serve another year:

President..... Amos Greer
Vice President and Treasurer..... Betty Greer
Secretary..... Jackie Davis

Recognition was given to the following:

Mrs. Cora Oswalt, Washington, Ms., 87, the eldest.
Brandon Stuckey, five weeks old, the youngest.
Tommy and Mavis Oswalt, who traveled the farthest.
Carlton and Amos Greer, the two ugliest men.

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Reverend Laverne Musser, pastor of Topisaw Baptist Church, gave thanks for the food. After dinner on the grounds, friends and relatives enjoyed visiting while the children played games.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Davis
Jackie Davis
Secretary

GREER NEWSLETTER

The 1985 Greer Newsletter is lovingly dedicated to John Louis Starkey, Sr. who died April 17 in the Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg. Uncle John, as he was known to most of us, will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Enclosed is an article that appeared in "The Poplarville Democrat" the week Uncle John died.

OBITUARIES

Funeral Services were held Friday, April 19, at Winstead Funeral Home Chapel for Mr. John Louis Starkey, Sr., 84, of Poplarville. Mr. Starkey died April 17.

Mr. Starkey was a native of Lincoln County. He was a retired employee of the Mississippi Fish and Game Commission, a member of the First Baptist Church, a member of the Order of Eastern Star, and a member of the Byrd Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ruth Starkey, one daughter, Mrs. Anna Mary Anderson; one son, Mr. John Louis Starkey, Jr., all of Poplarville; five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Hank Williams Greer died May 20, 1980 of injuries received in an automobile accident (1962 - 1980). Ben Edward Greer died August 12, 1984 the result of a swimming accident (1967 - 1984). Hank and Ben were sons of Rex and Grace Greer of Bogue Chitto. They were also great-great grandsons of Grandpaw Frank Greer. Son - Benjamin Lafayette Greer (Ben) Grandson - B. L. Greer Great Grandson - Rex Greer Great-Great Grandsons Hank and Ben Greer.

BIRTH

Glen and Anna Mary Starkey Anderson became the proud grandparents of an adorable baby girl, Kellie Michelle Anderson, born March 21, 1984. Parents of Kellie are David and Peggy Anderson and paternal great grandparents are Ruth Starkey and the late John Louis Starkey, Sr.

WEDDING

Sam (Sonny) Greer, Jr. and Joyce Cheveallier of Denham Springs were married on August 16, 1985. Sonny and Joyce are making their home in Donaldsonville, La.

DID YOU KNOW?

That Marie Beach has returned to the teaching profession and is teaching at Southwest Academy in Jackson, Ms. She resides at Greenbriar Apt. K5, 225 McDowell Rd. Marie is the daughter of Ada Starkey and Jesse White.

That special thanks go to Johnnie Greer Hayman, Anna Mary Anderson, Sam Greer, Jr., and Florence Huffman for their contributions to the Greer Newsletter.

Wannah, I was so glad to hear from you through Aunt Ruth. Did not have your address before. Hope you and Marshall can come to the reunion. Jackie So happy Minnie K & Ily survived with you.

April 18, 1985

For John Starkey, Sr.

Poplarville has been home since 1918



RECEIVES 50-YEAR BUTTON — James Forte, secretary of Poplarville's Sherrard Byrd Masonic Lodge No. 353, presented John Starkey Sr., right, his 50-year certificate and button last week to honor Starkey's half century as a Mason. Starkey is a former master of the Sherrard Byrd Lodge. (Photo by David A. Farrell)

By DAVID A. FARRELL
Associate Editor

Everytime a sportsman here takes a deer or turkey from the woods, he should thank John Starkey Sr., now 85 and living along with his wife, the former Ruth East of Lumberton, on their original 181-acre homestead they purchased in 1929 in East Poplarville.

Starkey from 1946 to 1968, when he retired, was integrally involved in restocking the South Mississippi woodlands with deer and turkey. Before that restocking program, undertaken mainly in the early 1950s, a turkey or deer was a rare sight in the South Mississippi woods.

Today, both are plentiful and offer sportsmen here plenty of hunting pleasure.

Starkey recalls that when the restocking program began, deer were being purchased from a deer farmer in George County. That supply, however, ran out, and Starkey made three trips to Wisconsin to purchase whitetails for the restocking program.

Wildlife management areas and food plots throughout Marion, Lamar and Pearl River counties assured the new game of abundant food and a safe haven for mating and rearing young.

The program worked, and is one of the best success stories in the history of wildlife management in the U.S.

Starkey and his wife spent six years in Marion County where Starkey helped build Lake Columbia, and in 1956, after that successful tour of duty

in Marion County, Starkey returned to Poplarville to become area manager of the Wolf River Wildlife Management Area.

He is credited with breathing new life into that undertaking.

Today a heart attack and bad eyesight has slowed Starkey some, but he still manages to meet the "coffee gang" at the local drug store to catch up on the latest news.

"I can't drive anymore," he says, "and Ruth reads to me. But I still manage to keep up with the news."

On July 9, he and Ruth will have been married 56 years.

Says Ruth, "Of course, we've had some hard times, as most everyone has, but right now I could pick up the phone and have three generations here at the house. If we needed help. That means a lot to us. God has really blessed us."

After he retired, Starkey gave his son, John Starkey Jr., 100 acres and his daughter, Anna Mary Anderson 60 acres. Part of the original property has been developed into Starkey subdivision.

When the Starkeys bought the land from W.C. Smith, shortly after their marriage, they planned to run a dairy. There were four tenants on the land at that time.

Starkey, who had studied agriculture at Pearl River Junior College and Mississippi State, along with his wife, poured everything they had into the dairy. After 10 years, he was milking 75 cows and had a prosperous dairy.

(See STARKEY, p. 4)

The Poplarville Democrat

Pearl River County, The Blueberry Center of Mississippi

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Starkey

(Cont. from p. 1)

"At that time," says Starkey, "you couldn't run down to the store and get a carton of milk. Fresh milk had to come right off the farm."

Says Ruth, "We milked cows, bottled it and delivered it. It was hard work."

But when things seemed to be going the best, disaster struck. His heard was diagnosed as having Bangs disease. After the inspectors finished, he had seven cows.

"We stood on the porch and watched as they took them away," said Ruth. "I said to myself, 'What is going to happen to us, and what are we going to do?'"

From that point things went downhill, and the Starkeys were in danger of losing the place.

"I asked Ruth one morning how much money we had in the house, and she said \$10. I took that and made a trip to see the bank we were paying for the place. I was determined not to lose it," he said. He managed to work out an agreement that would allow him to keep the place.

From that point, Starkey worked at several different jobs before joining the Game and Fish Commission in 1946.

Starkey's life is integrally tied up with Poplarville and South Mississippi.

He was reared in the community of Topisaw near Brookhaven in Lincoln County by his mother's brother, Amos Greer. His parents fell ill and died when he was two years old.

He helped his uncle on a 200-acre farm.

But when he was 17, Starkey said he wanted to leave and get an education. He and his uncle were plowing one day, and "as the mules passed," said Starkey, "I stopped my uncle to talk to him."

"I want to leave to get an education," he said he told his uncle.

"You do," replied Amos.

"Yes Sir," said John.

"Well, if a boy has ever paid for his raising, you've paid for yours," Starkey said his uncle told him. "Go ahead," said his uncle.

John Starkey Sr. arrived in Poplarville by train in the Spring of 1918. He stepped off the train, took his suitcase, which was filled with one changing of clothes, and walked down a dusty Main Street to the Agricultural High School, now Pearl River Junior College.

He walked up unannounced and told the head of the school, J.A. Huff, that he had come to Poplarville to go to school.

"There were only three buildings on the campus at the time," said

Starkey. Huff sent him over to another building to see L.A. "Archie" Hurst, Dr. Archie, as he was called. Hurst was the ag teacher.

"I knocked on the door," said Starkey, "and Mr. Hurst told me to come in."

Starkey said he timidly approached Hurst and told him he wanted to go to school.

"Can you plow," Starkey said Hurst asked him. Starkey was floored.

"Yes Sir," he replied. "That's all I've ever done."

Hurst gave Starkey \$50 a month and room and board in return for Starkey's working on the farm. At that time, the students at the school produced their own food.

Starkey attended three years at Poplarville and later transferred to Mississippi State.

After college, he worked in the oil fields of Arkansas, later traveled to Hammond, La., where he worked in construction, and returned to Poplarville in the mid-1920s to run a large drive-in service station for Mr. Hurst.

Hurst wrote Starkey while he was in Hammond.

"It was a combined service station and cafe located where the old abandoned Chevrolet dealership is now. It was the only drive-in service station south of Hattiesburg at the time. Mrs. Thigpen ran the cafe," said Starkey.

Starkey lodged at a hotel across the street, about where First United is now located. While he was boarding there, the hotel burned down.

Starkey's memory of Poplarville in the late teens and early 1920s remains clear.

Main Street was muddy or dusty all the time, he says, and there was a big mudhole in the middle of the street when it rained.

Residential houses covered the land now occupied by the Ford dealership and post office, and the city's first hospital was located where the First Baptist Church now stands.

Starkey said he remembers rolling wheelbarrows of concrete up long ramps to help finish the current courthouse, which was under construction when he came to town. He worked on it his first summer in Poplarville.

He remembers a water trough for horses on Main Street and counted three cars in town while walking over to the agricultural high school.

"There's been a lot of changes since I first came to town," said Starkey.

Starkey is a Rotarian, a member of Eastern Star and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Also See:

1. *Speed Families; Pelfrey, Gillispie, etc.*
2. *Times - Weir: The Ancestry of William Robert Times*